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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 99-371)

PATENT

In re Application of: Thomason et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/391,861 / ) Before the Examiner: D. Nguyen  
Filed: September 7, 1999 ) Group Art Unit: 1633  
For: Fibroblast Growth Factor-Like )  
Polypeptides )

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 26, 2001**

Responsive to the Office Action, mailed September 26, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**AMENDMENTS**

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Thrice Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence:  
(a) as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 3;  
(b) encoding a polypeptide as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 4;  
(c) which hybridizes under at least moderately stringent conditions to the complement of the nucleotide sequence of either (a) or (b), wherein the polypeptide encoded by the nucleic acid molecule has an activity of the polypeptide set forth in SEQ ID NO: 4; or  
(d) complementary to the nucleotide sequence of any of (a) - (c).

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